

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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RECOVERY OF AIRPORT USAGE FEES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain private airlines have not paid airport usage fees to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount due to AAI as a result thereof, airline-wise;
- (c) whether AAI proposes to charge penal interest for delay in payment of airport usage fees;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount likely to be collected by way of penal interest; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by AAI to recover its dues from such airlines?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. The details of dues of major private airlines are as under;

Airlines	(Rs. In crores)	31.03.2012	31.03.2013	31.03.2014	Apr-June 2014
Spice Jet	44.16	77.30	132.45	110.86	
Jet Group	140.88	102.39	68.07	93.07	
Kingfisher	197.81	202.48	172.69	172.69	

- (c) : Interest on delayed charges is levied by Airports Authority of India (AAI) @ 12% per annum on traffic charges as per its approved credit policy.

- (d) : The total amount of penal interest raised on the defaulting parties works out to Rs.115 crores approx.

- (e) : The dues are monitored on regular basis and in case of delay, AAI issues notice to the Airlines to settle the dues. Penal interest is being charged on account of delay in the settlement of the bills. In respect of Kingfisher, which has closed its operations court case has been filed in the High Court of Mumbai. Security deposit is being taken from the private airlines and in cases where delay persists, besides en-cashing the security deposit, the defaulting airlines are put up on cash and carry basis.